

Marvin H. Watkins, with more than four decades of experience is known as “The Dean of Research and Sponsored Programs Administration”. Marvin has proudly served in an administrative capacity at three of our outstanding HBCU Institutions: Bennett College for Women, North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University (where he graduated) and North Carolina Central University.

Mr. Watkins has rendered outstanding service in the area of research and administration. Watkins, a native of Greensboro, NC has played a leadership role in the generation of more than 148 million in research and development projects at North Carolina A&T State University in the past.

Marvin also served as Senior Vice Chancellor for Development and University Relations and was the Consultant to the Vice Chancellor for Research and Economic Development at NCATSU as well.

Mr. Watkins spearheaded the organizing and conducting of a successful multi-million dollar national capital fundraising campaign at Bennett for their Centennial Anniversary Celebration, served as Co-Chairman – Division of Faculty, Staff and Retired Persons, and served as Vice Chairman of System-Wide University Council on Research for the Consolidated University of North Carolina System of Higher Education.

Finally and just recently, Mr. Watkins was presented the 2022 Humanitarian Award from James B. Dudley National Alumni Association (where he served as Dean of Boys) and in June, 2023 received the Trailblazer Award – National Sponsored Programs Administrators Alliance of Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Inc – a thriving organization in which he co-founded and served as President before his retirement.

Mr. Marvin Watkins earned a Bachelor’s Degree in history and English from NCATSU in 1958 and a Master’s Degree in Education in 1962. Upon receiving his Master’s degree, 4 months later he started teaching in the History department at NCATSU.

Mr. Watkins has been married to Jamesena Watkins for 68 years and to their union have two children – Michael and Yvette. Today, we salute Mr. Marvin Watkins for his outstanding accomplishments, dedication and work ethic.